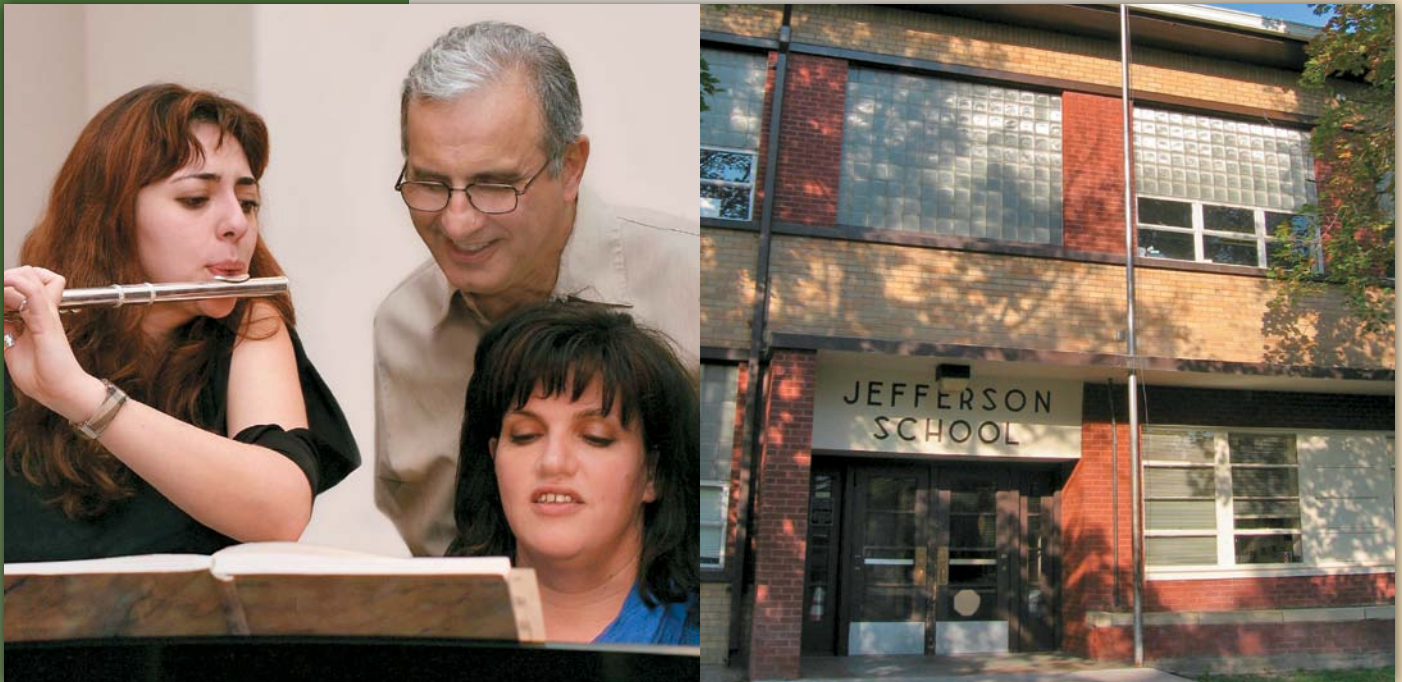




Forward Thinking. High Achieving.

# JEFFERSON PERFORMING ARTS

Our proposal addresses the school system's critical need for quality rehearsal and performance space dedicated to our students of music and theater.



A systemwide initiative to develop schools that work smarter for our students.

## MEET YOUR SMART SCHOOLS TEAM

The Jefferson Performing Arts team put months into this process. We appreciate the input from students, parents, faculty, neighbors and the MCPS board. If you have questions or would like to get involved, we encourage you to visit [www.mcpsmt.org](http://www.mcpsmt.org) or contact Administrator John Combs at [jcombs@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:jcombs@mcps.k12.mt.us).

### TEAM MEMBER CORE

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## 21ST CENTURY NEEDS

The high quality of Missoula's student band, choir, orchestra and theater performances is diametrically opposed to the quality of their performance spaces. Most of our student ensemble performances occur in gymnasiums or concert venues that are outdated and/or were designed for multipurpose use.

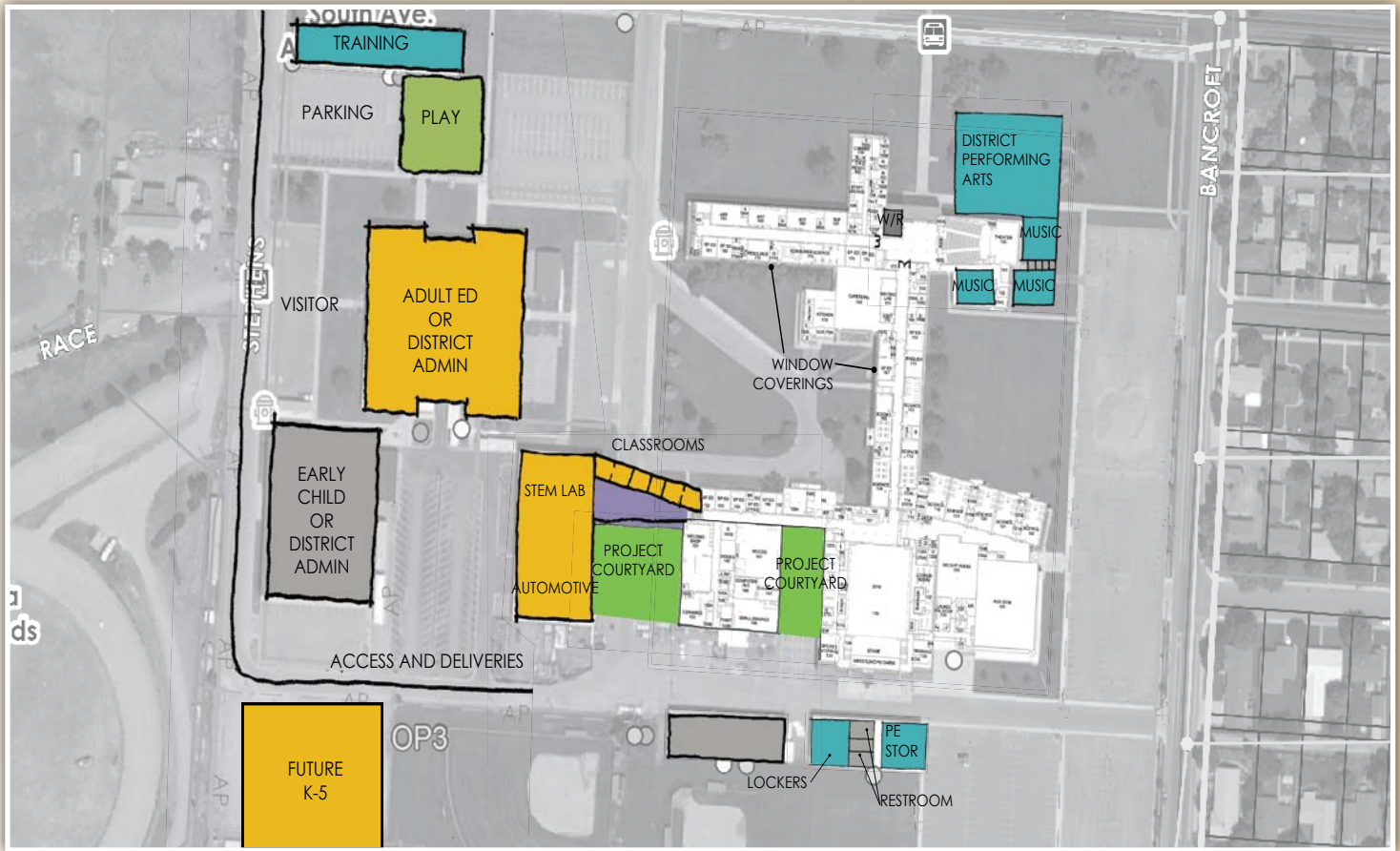
## EXPANDING JEFFERSON PERFORMING ARTS

The current Jefferson Gymnasium is the only facility in MCPS with a dedicated stage for music performance. Other than open hallways and the foyer of the Hellgate Auditorium, there are no dedicated galleries to highlight the work of our visual artists. When complete, the school system's performing arts center, housed at Sentinel High School, will be a smarter facility in many ways, including:

- 2,000 seat auditorium with full stage adaptable for all performing arts events.
- Up-to-date acoustical treatment and modern stage lighting.
- Fully functioning theater set design shop and costume shop.
- Visual arts galleries and conference rooms.
- Centralized storage facility for district instruments and art supplies.
- Rehearsal rooms for band, choir and orchestra.
- A Black Box Theater.
- Allows gymnasiums to be used for athletic events rather than concert events.







## OUR TEAM'S RECOMMENDED OPTION



### OPTION C-2 CONSOLIDATE:

- Locate in URD III, on Sentinel High School campus.
- Shared event parking.
- Separate entry.

#### SECURITY

Modify facility to create obvious main entry, secure waiting area and ability to observe visitors approaching the building. Subdivide the building into secure zones with electronically activated door closers.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Develop high-speed/high-volume fiber optic distribution to breakout spaces for projects, presentations and technology in each learning community, enhanced with robust wireless and hard-wired access points.

#### ENVIRONMENT

Install barn doors and garage doors with quality acoustical materials between learning areas and breakout areas for projects, presentations and technology. Create small learning communities for teams of teachers and students that include traditional classrooms as well as important support spaces for 1:1 tutoring, small groups, planning centers, storage, etc.

#### FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Site Area: 42.64 acres  
 Parking spaces: 560+  
 Building Square Footage  
 New: 5,000  
 Total Project Cost: \$5,484,369  
 Replacement Cost: \$5,484,369  
 Remaining Deferred Maintenance & Energy Project Costs: \$0  
 Rental / Lease / Sale Income: None  
 Current Enrollment: 0  
 Future Peak Enrollment: 0  
 Capacity: 1,500

Costs include construction, demolition (where applicable), technology, furnishings, site development, design fees, and acquisition (where applicable). Contingency and escalation to January 2020.



## NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN SMARTER SCHOOLS

Education has never been more important than it is today. Our students face international competition for scholarships and jobs, and an increasing pace of change that impacts their futures. Yet, while the need for quality education continues to increase, our schools are physically in decline.

At Missoula County Public Schools, we realize that we must change if we're to keep up academically and economically as a community. That's why we launched Smart Schools 2020. Led by teams from each school, the initiative assesses needs by facility and prioritizes those needs in light of achieving our goals of a 21st Century Educational Culture and of being fiscally responsible.

By addressing schools now we prevent further deterioration of facilities, better prepare for population growth and ensure our students continue to get the educational opportunities they need to succeed in school and beyond.

## THE SMART SCHOOLS PROCESS

### SCHOOL CENTRIC:

Criteria and preferred options were established for each school by a team of teachers, administrators, students and parents from that school, along with members of the Missoula community.

### COLLABORATIVE:

Alternatives were shared at public meetings at each school. In addition, surveys were sent out systemwide to vet priorities.

### REALISTIC:

Team recommendations will be reviewed by the steering committee and the elected board of trustees before a bond measure is drafted.

### PUBLIC:

Everyone is invited to review options and weigh in. Final support for the initiative will be determined by public election in November 2015.



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